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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Allen W. Dulles regarding
Surfacing of OXCART Type Aircraft**

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1. On the evening of 26 February I got in touch with Mr. Dulles, at his home, for the purpose of scheduling an appointment with him on 27 February to fill him in on the projected surfacing of an OXCART type aircraft. As it turned out he said he was unable to see me on 27 February because of a "heavy day at the Warren Commission," and suggested instead that I go directly to his house in Georgetown that evening.

2. I arrived at his home at approximately 10:15 p. m., and showed him the then current projected press release which he read diligently no less than four times. He asked me if my visit to him had been cleared with Mr. McCone, and I said that it had not been specifically cleared but that OSA had been given the job of ensuring a defensive posture among the community of OXCART cleared people, of which he was, of course, a primary member. Mr. Dulles said he was planning to leave for a cruise in the Caribbean on a friend's yacht in the next day or so, and that he would be completely out of touch, and thus inaccessible to the press following the Presidential announcement. The tenor of his general comments regarding the surfacing action could best be described as "tentatively hopeful, but not optimistic" concerning the Agency ability to ride through this action either unscathed or with the OXCART project relatively intact.

(Signed)

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